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AGENCY, LIMITED.**

SOLE AGENTS FOR:—

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AQUOL, the great fire and damp resisting Paint for inside or outside work.

Asbestos goods of the best quality always on hand.

W. JACKSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [22]

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL

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FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON

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The Best Qualities of ASBESTOS and RUBBER GOODS for the VERY HIGHEST PRESSURES,
Cheaper Qualities for LOW PRESSURES.

The "VICTOR" METALLIC PACKING has been adopted by the Lords of the Admiralty for use throughout Her Majesty's Navy.
The "VICTOR" METALLIC JOINTING MATERIALS for Steam and Hydraulic Joints.

"SALAMANDER" Non-conducting Composition for Boilers, Hot-water Tanks, Pipes, &c.
IN TWO QUALITIES.

SPECIAL QUOTATIONS FOR QUANTITIES.
SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.
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:o:
THIS WELL-KNOWN ESTABLISHMENT
REOPENED!

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ON the 15th JANUARY for the transaction of business as heretofore under
ENTIRELY

NEW MANAGEMENT.

In making this announcement the Undersigned respectfully INVITES INSPECTION of his Premises, and, while expressing gratitude for past favours, respectfully solicits the continuance of Patronage.

For THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY CO

Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. 1116


W. POWELL & CO.

**FIRST DELIVERIES OF
LADIES' WHITE STRAW HATS**

LADIES WHITE STRAW HATS,
NEW FLOWERS, FEATHERS AND RIBBONS.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1867.

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PALE ALE.

TRADE MARK. is the product of a high class English Brew. Bottled in Shanghai without preservatives of any kind, it retains all the characteristics of a light draught Bitter Ale.

Hong Names:—
YUEN WO.

Per cask of 4 doz. Quarts... \$13, per doz. \$3.25.
Per cask of 8 doz. Pints..... \$14, per doz. \$1.80.

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SOME SPECIAL NEW BOOKS.
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Doctor Nikola, by Eonith			

Dear Annie, by Dorothy	1.20	Fifty years Reminiscence in India, by	
Saskia Cloak, by Boldrewood	1.20	Pollock	8.50
Life of Brian Houghton Hodgson, by Sir		The Buddhist Praying Wheel, by W.	
W. W. Hunter	5.00	Simpson	1.00

With the Jungle Folk, by E. D. Cuming... 5.00 | How to Train a Race Horse, by Warburton 2.00
 Hongkong, 29th January, 1897. (18

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PORT JUNE

PORT WINE.
THE CELEBRATED GUEDES "3 GRAPES" BRAND,

in cases of 1 doz. Bottles at \$24 per case.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1941. (2)

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Today's
Advertisements.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
I HAVE, since the 1st FEBRUARY, HANDED
OVER CHARGE of this BRANCH of the
BANK to Mr. G. F. AUGUSTIN.

M. LAZAR.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [240]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEYOO, HANKOW and PORTS
on the YANGTZEK.)
The Company's Steamship

"PATROCLUS."
Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [238]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.
FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID,
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND
ANTWERP.

"STRATHAY."
Commander McKenzie, will be despatched as
above on TUESDAY, the 9th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [246]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.
The Company's Steamship

"DEUCALION."
Captain B. Branch, will be despatched on
TUESDAY, the 9th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [217]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.
(Under Mail Contract.)
FOR KORE AND YOKOHAMA.
The Company's Steamship

"HIROSHIMA MARU."
Captain G. Shimizu, will be despatched for the
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 11th instant,
at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [242]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.
(Under Mail Contract.)
FOR NAGASAKI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA.
The Company's Steamship

"TOKIO MARU."
Captain E. S. Barrett, will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 12th instant, at
Noon.
This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger
Accommodation, and a daily qualified Doctor is
carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [241]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
The Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU."
Captain Innes, will be despatched on MON-
DAY, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.
The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the
Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire
voyage.
A fully qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [201]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to COPENHAGEN,
STOCKHOLM, NORSKOPING, GÖTEBORG,
DANTZIC and KÖNIGSBERG, with transshipment
in HAMBURG.)
The Company's Steamship

"BULLMOUTH."
Captain Davies, will be despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 20th instant.
For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [243]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 100 At British Ship

"FALLS OF DEE."
Lock, Master, shortly expected, will load here
for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [644]

Today's
Advertisements.

It is not in mortals to command success, but
we do more—deserve it.

WILLISON'S CIRCUS.
FRIDAY NIGHT
Our First Grand Fashionable Evening.
Under distinguished Patronage. Dedicated to
the Elite of Hongkong.

A RECHERCHE PROGRAMME.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
OUR 2ND MATINEE
A Tidal wave of innocent enjoyment for the
Little Folks.

Children and their attendants Half-price.
SPECIAL INVITATION
To all the Orphan Children of the Institutions
in Hongkong.

Mr. WILLISON takes great pleasure in
extending a hearty invitation to the Orphan
Children to witness the Circus FREE of CHARGE
on SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
Doors Open 3.30. Commence 4 P.M.

SATURDAY EVENING.
OUR GREAT SCOTCH NIGHT
A hearty welcome to a our Friends from
BONNIE SCOTLAND
EXTRA ATTRACTIONS
SATURDAY NIGHT.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [239]

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.
THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB

WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF
"LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE."
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:—
MONDAY, the 15th February, 1897.
SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1897.
MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897.
WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, 1897.
SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1897.
TUESDAY, the 2nd March, 1897.

Doors Open each Night at 8.30 P.M.
Performance at 9 P.M. precisely.
PRICES:—\$3, \$2 and \$1.
Half-price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police in
Uniform.

LATE TRAMS will run 4 hours after the fall of the
Curtain.
The BOOKING OFFICE at the THEATRE ROYAL
will be open on and after
WEDNESDAY, the 10th February.
From 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. daily.
E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [234]

CHOICE AUSTRALIAN WINES
FROM THE CELEBRATED
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE COOLALTA WINES which we are
introducing here for the first time give an
unexceptional opportunity to Wine Connoisseurs
to sample really HIGH CLASS AUSTRALIAN
WINES of low alcoholic strength.

COOLALTA WINES cannot be surpassed
for their absolute Purity, High and Even Quality,
Bouquet, and soft delicate flavour; and, being
the natural product of the grape, they are
specially recommended by the Medical Faculty
of New South Wales.

COOLALTA WINES have obtained the
HIGHEST AWARDS at all the principal
International Exhibitions of the World.
A careful Analysis of these Wines was recently
made by the Government of New South Wales.
They were found to be PERFECTLY PURE,
SOUND and THOROUGHLY FERMENTED
WINES.

SAMPLES may be had FREE on application
to
W. O. CAMPBELL,
Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [245]

Intimations.
DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.
SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to Hotels, Clubs, Messes and
other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [427]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.
SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE
AND
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest
Prized, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are not
artificially made from raisins and currants,
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINE and SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [6]

DEATH.
On the 22nd
day, at Tokio, after a long
illness, Mr. A. LUGOWSKI, Secretary, German
Consulate, Tientsin.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1897.

REUTERS' MESSAGE.

MORE TROUBLE IN CRETE.

LONDON, February 2nd.
The situation in Crete is grave and there is a
panic at Candia, where the Christian Judge has
been murdered. Fighting between Christian
and Mussulman bands is taking place in the
outskirts of the city.

PUNJONS.

The Secretary of the Punjab Mining Com-
pany, Limited, informs us that he has received
the following telegram from the mines, giving
the result of the January clean up:—

"The mill ran 29 days, crushing 1,300 tons,
yielding 265 cwt. of smelted gold. Thirty-five
tons of concentrates crined yielded 39 cwt. of
smelted gold."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SMALL-POX is spreading in Yokohama, and nine-
teen new cases were reported on the 22nd
inst.

The West York's Regimental Sports have been
put forward a day and will therefore be held at
Kowloon on Wednesday and Thursday, the 10th
and 11th inst.

The shares of the Royal Dutch-Oil Company (of
Netherlands India) are quoted at home at over
1,000 percent, and a further rise was anticipated
when the last mail left Marseilles.

For gambling in the public street with a lantern
table and causing an obstruction, To Po and
Chai Yung were fined \$25 each by Captain
Hastings to-day. They readily paid up.

The amounts received at the Calcutta Govern-
ment auction sales on 1st February were as
follow:—Pains, Rs. 1,120; Benares, Rs. 1,135.
The figures for January were: Pains, Rs. 1,090;
Benares, Rs. 1,081.

The Japan Mail is our authority for saying
that visitors to Yokohama and officers of ships
(whether Navy or Merchant Service) who are
chess players, are welcome to use the Yokohama
Chess Club's rooms during their stay in port.
Does the Hongkong Chess Club do likewise?

In a New York paper is recorded the
case of a husband whose buying his wife a
bicycle led to a divorce, while the refusal of
another husband to buy his wife a bicycle also
led to a divorce. What, asks the Boston Globe,
shall a poor man do? It is, indeed, a deplorable
situation for a poor man.

It is, says the Straits Times, rumored that
another petition is to be sent to the Secretary of
State for the Colonies from the Straits. The
members of the clerical service appeal against
a General Order issued by the Governor restrict-
ing to a minimum of 14 days the leave privileges
hitherto granted to them.

The Japan Mail learns that Monsieur Emile
de Cartier de Marchienne has been appointed
Secretary of the Belgian Legation in Tokio, and
that his arrival in that city may be expected this
month. M. de Cartier will act as *Chargé
d'Affaires* during the absence of His Excellency
M. La Barre d'Anethan, who goes home on
leave of absence in March.

JOHN ANDERSON, a bluejacket of the U.S.S.
Olympia, was charged at the Magistracy this
morning for assaulting Poo Ku Cho, a shop-
keeper, and damaging property in his shop to
the value of \$10. After evidence was taken,
Capt. Hastings sentenced him to 3 months'
hard, and to compensate the complainant the
sum of \$10 had to be paid.

A LONDON PRESS despatch dated Colombo,
Dec. 29th, reads as follows:—Mr. Henniker
Heaton, M.P., who is on his way back from
Australia, brings certain concessions overcom-
ing the obstacles which have hitherto prevented
the establishment of a penny postage between
Great Britain and the Colonies, and is confident
that this system will shortly be adopted.

It was decided to start a company styled
the Japan and Mexican Colonization Co. to
carry out the work of colonization contracted for
between the Mexican Government and Viscount
Kintoko. In the mean time it having been
arranged with the Mexican Government that
some twenty families are to be settled during
March, that number will, says the Japan
Herald, leave Yokohama on the 30th January.

We read in the Japan Mail that Tokio papers
allege that the telegram forwarded by Reuter
re the illness of the Emperor of Russia is not
believed in foreign diplomatic circles, especially
at the Russian Legation, where the story is said
to be regarded as a mere canard, fabricated for
political purposes. The Foreign Office has
telegraphed for information, and the truth must
soon be known. Reuter, the Mail notices, has
contradicted the story.

The Tientsin correspondent of the Mercury
reports under date 13th January that the Russo-
Chinese Bank has issued a notice to say that
the Tientsin Branch would open on the 13th in
the premises lately occupied by the Russian
Consulate, and it will do general banking
business, receive deposits, discount local bills,
buy and sell foreign exchange, etc. Messrs. W.
Drosmeier and A. Lan have been appointed
co-managers at Tientsin.

DURING the current year we are promised two
eclipses, both of the sun, but both of which are,
as usual, invisible at Greenwich. The first,
an annular eclipse, was to occur on February 1st,
and was lying almost wholly in the South Pacific.
The second, also an annular eclipse, will occur
on July 20th. The line of central eclipse on
this occasion also lies almost entirely in the
ocean, but it will be seen as partial over almost
the whole of North and South America, and
from the west coast of Africa.—Ex

We read in the Rangoon Times that strict rules
have been published in India affecting
Indian Press correspondents at the seat of war.
Officers and soldiers are prohibited from
publishing or communicating information to the
Press without special authority. All correspon-
dents must hold licenses from the Adjutant-
General under the authority of the Commander-
in-Chief; the use of cipher is forbidden; only
desirable persons will be granted licenses, and
all are subject to the Army Act when in the field.

WILLISON'S CIRCUS drew a good audience last
night. The "turns" were well and smartly
done, the applause frequent, and the manage-
ment thoroughly satisfactory. We invite special
attention to Mr. Willison's advertisement in this
issue, for it shows the liberality of this hard-
working but unlucky showman and also states
that Saturday's performance is to be a special
"Scotch Night." Despite the absence of some
members of the Company we have every confi-
dence in Mr. Willison having a capital pro-
gramme for Saturday's show.

We read in the North Borneo Herald that the
Soodong or Soodong chiefs came to see the
Governor and reported that 1,000 men had
been up the Sembakong River from the Dutch
territory to attack the people on the head waters,
but that they had been twice defeated. Mr.
Hastings will shortly go to Bulungan to inform
the "Controleurs" and inquire into the truth of
the report. He will at the same time take some
Chinese *loways* from Tawao to obtain passes
for them to enter the Sembakong and Sibuko
rivers for purposes connected with their
business.

The following telegram from the Secretary of
State to the Viceroy appears in the Gazette of
India:—"I am directed by the Queen to express
her satisfaction at the steady and soldierlike
conduct of her Indian troops while employed on
the unattractive but important duty of holding
Sookim and the surrounding country during the
recent operations in the Soudan. The service has
been performed with alacrity and cheerfulness,
which has added to the reputation of her Indian
Army, and, though remote from the scene of
active operations in the valley of the Nile, has
readily contributed to their remarkable success."

The Zanzibar Gazette of December 16th prints
the following note from its Mwanika Correspond-
ent:—"H.M.S. *Cossack* left this on the 24th
for Tlucumales, after having been busily at
work all round the coast for about two months,
under the orders of Admiral Wilson, in making
soundings and coast surveys with the view to
the selection of a site for a future refuge harbour
in this part of the world. It is believed that an
inlet of the sea on the opposite side of the island
to Port Louis has been selected as the most
favourable situation for the harbour, which, it
may be said *en passant*, is to be a counterpoise
to the recent French settlement in Madagascar.
It is expected that a million and a half sterling
will be spent on these defence works."

THE Military Concert at the Theatre Royal on
Saturday night by the bands of the West Yorks
promises to be a very attractive function. An
excellent selection of instrumental solos, etc.,
will be given, including the pretty fantasia "The
Smithy in the Wood." Then comes the grand
military *passepours* "The Battle of Waterloo,"
the synopsis of which is as follows:—Daybreak,
—Morning Gun, 4 a.m. The Ravelle sounds;
the Camp in Motion. The enemy heard
advancing. "To Horse!" Advance of the British
Army in brigades. The battle, in which the
British engage the enemy, with varying success,
but ultimately are victorious. Flight of the
enemy, and Grand Victory March of the British,
concluding with the "Conquering Hero." Band-
master Bentley will conduct the musicians and
Mr. Sam Marks is manager.

We are glad to hear that there is every prospect
of the performance of "Les Cloches De Corneville"
by the Amateur Dramatic Club equalling the
memorable success achieved when "The
Gondoliers" was put on the local boards. And
we use the word "equalling" advisedly, for the
dressing, acting, scene-painting, and indeed
everything connected with "The Gondoliers"
may be equalled, but it is hardly possible that it
can be eclipsed. We understand that guarantors
of "Les Cloches De Corneville" Ford can
book seats at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on
Tuesday, the 9th inst., between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
The Booking Office will be opened at the theatre
on and after the 10th inst., when seats for the
performances on the 15th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, and
27th February and the 2nd March can be
secured. The performance will commence each
evening sharp at 8 o'clock.

On the 30th ult. the sudden and quite unex-
pected news reached the Straits Times that Mr.
Woldemar Nissen, one of the most highly-
respected merchants in England and well known
in the Far East, especially at Canton and Hong-
kong, as chief of the firm of Slesmann and
Co., had died of apoplexy. The deceased, a
native of Schleswig-Holstein, went out to Canton
about forty-two years ago, and says the Straits
Times, soon became partner and finally chief of
the firm of Slesmann and Co. In 1867 Mr. Nissen
returned to Hamburg, and very shortly acquired
a prominent position, becoming within a few
years, besides being chief of his own house, the
manager or chairman of many undertakings,
among which the Hamburg-American Line was
his favourite. Mr. Nissen, who had reached the
age of sixty-four, will long be remembered
by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

PLAQUE PRECAUTIONS AT
COLOMBO.

The Ceylon Observer remarks:—"So far
as we can learn, the precautions of the
Civil Medical Department are all that could be
desired to prevent the introduction of the
plague into Colombo through human agency.
The quarantine imposed on any steamer from
Bombay with passengers to land here has been
raised from eight to ten days. As a matter of
fact, the P. & O. and other mail steamers have
booked so passengers for Colombo for several
months back, while the British India and other
steamers are very wary of doing so. Dr.
Keegel, the Port Medical Officer, is most strict
in enforcing the rules, and he examines into the
case of every arrival here from India as to
whether any connection with Bombay can be
established before allowing entry."

But while, therefore, all that is possible is
being done to prevent the plague coming here
through passengers or other personal arrivals,
what about food and other products imported
from Bombay? We think it a very serious mat-
ter, if it be the case that any of the wheat or
flour now used in Colombo bread is got from the
western capital of India? The medical authori-
ties ought, in our opinion, to move Govern-
ment to inquire into the matter and, if they find
our supposition to be correct, to discourage, if
not prevent, such imports. Flour and wheat
can be got for the limited requirements of Ceylon
from other quarters without much inconvenience,
and the sooner this is done the better.

COLONIAL DEFENCES.

FOREIGNERS ON BRITISH VESSELS.
MANNING OF THE NAVY.

Viscount Hampden, the Governor of New
South Wales, in a speech recently referred to the
employment of foreigners on British vessels as a
source of danger to the nation. His Excellency
suggested the formation of a corps of engineers
or artillery, on the lines of the Royal Engineers,
for the defence of the coaling stations and
harbours of the colonies.

The Toronto Branch of the Navy League has
forwarded a petition to the Earl of Aberdeen,
the Governor-General, on the subject of the
manning of the navy. After referring to the
inadequate supply of men and pointing out that
under the present system Canadian and other
colonial seamen are practically excluded from
the Royal Navy and Reserve, the petitioners
outline a scheme whereby colonial seamen
might be enrolled. In conclusion, they pray the
Governor-General to open negotiations with the
Home Government for the discussion of such a
scheme, and, if necessary, for the calling of an
inter-colonial Conference for the purpose of
considering it.

TURF NOTES.

Training for the races goes on apace, and the
number of spectators gathered in the Enclosure
on galloping mornings is increasing conside-
rably, showing that interest in the races is
increasing as the "cracks" assume more and
more the style and the stamina that will enable
them to make good time, keep averages up, and
come dangerously near lowering records.

Twelve days hence we shall be on the eve of
Hongkong's annual carnival—our one great
holiday, or rather three days' outing in the midst
of the madding throng that gathers year after
year in the picturesque valley at Wongneicheong.
Then all will be ready for the fray. The new
stables erected in the Enclosure will be all alive
with owners, ponies and mafios; the Grand
Stand will be as clean as a new pin; the hotels
will have their booths fitted up and well stocked
with "creature comforts," and a row of
neat little stands will be ready for their
hundreds of occupants in the enclosure between
the Golf Club-house and the entrance to the
Grand Stand. The course, too, provided the Clerk
of the Weather is well disposed towards us and
sees fit to withhold the hepid downpour that
made racing last year as unpleasant for the
riders as it was to the spectators, who had to wade
about in mud and slush between the hotels
and the weighing room, will be in excellent
going order, for the Clerk of the Course, being
probably one of the best race-riders ever
seen on the local turf, knows well the
necessity of having the track as smooth as a
billiard table, all rails well fixed, and everything
done that can in any way contribute to make the
Meeting a thorough success from every point of
view.

I can't say I admire the new stables. They
could, I think, have been made much more
ornamental and possibly, too, more comfortable
in the upper storey for spectators. They are,
though, a vast improvement on the old mare-
arrangement and far safer, and I therefore con-
gratulate the Jockey Club on having done
what can but redound to its credit. If now
something is done to render the Grand Stand as
comfortable a rendezvous as are the Shanghai
Race Club's elegant premises, then is a year or
two the Jockey Club's premises will be equal if
not superior to those of any sporting club
in the Far East. I am not finding
fault, but merely throw out a suggestion which
can be taken for whatever it may be worth. We
have no Country Club here, no *putting*
Race Club premises where a fellow can sit down
in comfort and take his coffee in the morning
and look over sporting papers in the afternoon
or evening, and I really believe that some
such place if established would be heartily ap-
preciated by all who are interested in sport.
Of course it doesn't matter so much here where
we have only one big Meeting a year, but I con-
tend nevertheless that despite this fact lots of
"sports" would drive or walk down to the race-
course during the summer and autumn months
if when they got there they had comfortable
rooms to drop into and pass away an hour or
two in the company of those who like them-
selves take an interest in all that transpires in
sporting circles, both at home and abroad.

Of course there is a lot of interest taken now
in the Derby, to be run on the 17th instant, and
it is worth recording all one hears about the merits
of the "cracks" it would fill a pretty large volume.
Aspirant and Crabapple are first favorites; Red
Fish, White Rose and Sinfal stand next with
Rogue and White Lilac bracketed third. Black
Eagle, Blue Fire and Rockwood are fourth,
and of the rest very little is heard.
Aspirant is undoubtedly good and so are Red
Fish and Crabapple, but I'm inclined to think
Red Fish may not start in the Derby and that
he is much more likely to cut rings round the
field in the Middles. Crabapple is believed to
be very dangerous for the Derby, but I can't say
I'm taken with his style, neither do I admire his
"gallop." Sinfal and White Rose are coming
on nicely and so is the Rogue, and I will have
something to say about the latter (Rogue)
three or four days before the Races if he keeps
in condition and does his work as well as he
has lately. At present all I care to say about
him is—watch him.

After doing their 12 mile a day or two ago in
3.32, last 1 in 3.33 sec. I need not
dilute on the condition of Pineapple and
Red Fish. Old Pineapple had to extend
himself to keep going on level terms
with Red Fish, who seems to be good at almost
any distance. The recent performances of Mr.
Buxey's Surprise are also worthy of record
and show that to the skilled hands of Mr. Reynolds
he is pretty sure to catch the Judge's eye at this
meeting. Narcissus is coming on well.

For the Ladies' Purse (7 furlongs) the entries
are:—

Mr. Arnold's d. Straightforward, 10st 9lb
Mr. Bobjack's g. Sassy, 10st 9lb
Mr. Boyd's g. Doubleton, 11st 1lb
Mr. Boyd's b. Congo, 11st 1lb
Mr. Buxey's ch. Comet, 11st 1lb
Mr. Buxey's w. White Lilac, 11st 1lb
Mr. Buxey's b. Black Rock, 10st 1lb
Mr. David's g. Aspirant, 10st 1lb
Mr. David's g. Foreman, 10st 1lb
Mr. Dryad's d. d. Silver Marhall, 11st 1lb
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Mr. Gustav's sp. Competitor, 10st 1lb
Mr. John Peel's d. Tocalin, 11st 4lb
Mr. John Peel's ch. Heatsbell, 11st 1lb
Mr. John Peel's d. Boomerang, 10st 1lb
Mr. John Peel's g. Silver Bell, 10st 9lb
Mr. Linton's g. Slander, 10st 9lb
Messrs. McKie & Co.'s ch. d. d. d. 11st 1lb
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Dr. Noble's g. Grey Lay, 11st 1lb
Mr. Tidy's br. Polo, 10st 1lb
Mr. Twyman's b. The Regue, 11st 7lb

Mr. Boyd's Doubleton and Mr. John Peel's Tocalin,
if they haven't previously won a race, are likely
to be sent out for this much coveted race. Polo,
too, if he happens to have been unlucky, is likely
to be seen struggling for the purse and should
be able to make things hot for the whole field.

It may interest some of your readers to know
that the lots leased at auction the other day for
the erection thereon of booths fetched only
\$4,545, whereas last year they realised \$6,000,
which was, I believe, the record.

